

Arbor Heights School PTSA
General Meeting Notes
October 20, 2011 6:30pm
Arbor Heights Elementary Lunchroom

In Attendance:

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| Jennifer Typpi | Lynn Salter |
| Sabrina M. GP-Ernst | Ann Dunbar |
| Ken and Pam Cobley | Marianne Weber |
| Dana Varon | Lonhina Verdugo |
| Ann Bury | M. Sato |
| Rachel Vaughn | David W. Wilkie |
| Chris Konsmo | Franklin Hu |
| Gretchen Rubesch | Gail Glatzmayer |
| Shirley Clough | Jill Golden |
| Susan Greenwood | Jill Sullivan |
| Sydel McKim | Stacie Hart |
| Lisa Olson | Rachel Strusz |
| Krista McInerney | Amy Christiansen |
| Paola Faggella | Sherry Fullerton |
| Janet Feagan | Meri Patton |
| Sue Holms | Amanda Nokes |
| Darci Severns | Cori |

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments – Cori

Introducing the plan to concentrate the PTSA spending. Funding “Big things” vs. lots of small things.

Two areas of focus tonight. Voting tonight on \$5,000.00 allocation of funds toward these two areas.

- *Emergency Preparedness
- *Science and Technology

Fall Clean-up this weekend

II. Principle Report – Christy Collins

*60 students were added to Arbor Heights Elementary this year. Budget has been slim.

*Staff worked last Friday on Continuous School Improvement Plan (i.e. Assessments, MAP testing etc.) in order to see where kids are struggling and why, so that through SMART program, the gap will be closed.

*Looked at color & gender data.

*Talked about building budget and unexpected costs (ie Kindergarten Aides)

*Mrs. Nall and Mrs. Salter trained staff on new electronic progress reports. These reports are to help keep parents informed and work/grades are collaborated. Parents will be able to track progress and see where their child lines up academically.

Side note:

Parent at meeting needs clarification on why \$1,200.00 was diverted from paint to buying textbooks. Principle Collins clarifies that the school still needs many textbooks that the budget cannot sustain.

III. Treasurer Update – Sabrina

\$2,000.00 was rolled over from unused camp money as well as \$3,600.00 for instrumental music instruction. Shall it go to savings or toward two areas of interest above?

Cori reiterates the idea of funding the “larger projects” and Amy shares an idea that funds could also be shared with Staff to direct on their own.

Mary shares about a possible \$5,000.00 grant from the City to go towards Emergency Preparedness, community understanding, and awareness. Possible Google grant for new computers as well.

Dana voices concern as to why the school does not get more funding from the state. Principle Collins clarifies that funds just are not there and that it is important for the community to pull funds together through grants etc..

Sue Holms also mentions that a paper plan for Em. Preparedness was set but does not really exist.

VOTE on allocation of funds going towards Emergency Preparedness and Science & Technology. **Motion Passed**

Parents continue to share the ethical obligation to have a plan set and funding established. Principle reminds us that our kids will be cared for.

IV. Auction Update – Lonhina

70% of PTA budget comes from the auction.

She shares the importance of being involved even if you cannot make it. Tickets now being sold.

Dana Varon talks about school levy coming up. Both sides are shared at meeting. Please see both articles handed out tonight.

Article handed out regarding Paul Guppy’s article to vote “No”

Special guest Lucy from the side voting “Yes” shares reasons to consider voting for the levy.

Parents are encouraged to research both sides and make a vote.

Dana also shares that there are 4 seats on the Seattle Schools Board. Eight candidates are running for these positions.

V. New Business – Cori

November meeting to be changed from Nov. 17th to December 1st.

Principle Collins - Parent help on playground and at lunch is happening and if more parents want to help or have comments to please inquire in office or talk to Principle Collins.

Lisa – Communication Preference Forms

Forms went home with students in hopes that parents will fill out and return to school asap and will help aide in communication.

Franklin – Helps parents get acquainted with Study Island. He shared an overview up front tonight for those interested in learning more about how to use this program and how it benefits their child.

Amy – Will investigate WA PTA platform on Charter Schools.

Chris – Vote to support WA PTA Levy

MOTION PASSED

IV. Adjournment - Cori